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40th Annual General Meeting

Saturday, October 28th, 2017

McKenzie United Church

85-11th Street NW

Portage la Prairie, MB

10:30 am	AGM Registration and Distribution of Kit Materials
11:00 am	Annual General Meeting
12:00 pm	Lunch
	Guest Speaker: Roberta Christianson 'Why the Arts?'
	Entertainment
	Fundraising Silent Auction and Music Sale
1:30 pm	Workshops:
	• Provincial Festival Recommendations and related forms
	• Festival Volunteers - Navigating the 'Sea' of paper in your festival 'kit'
	Round Table Discussions
4:00 pm	Wrap-up

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**2016-2017
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*Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals
and Winnipeg Music Festival
are holding a fund-raising
printed music sale!*

*The collection includes both gently used and new
sheet music and volumes.*

*A listing of Vocal, Piano, Strings, Classical Guitar,
Woodwinds, Brass and ensemble
selections is available.*

*If you are interested in viewing a list of available
titles and pricing for a specific discipline, please
send an email to amaf@mts.net with the words
MUSIC SALE in the subject line*

*This extensive collection will only be available
for a short time .*

2017 Provincial Music and Arts Festival Results

May 26-28, 2017

Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals (AMAF) congratulates all participants in the 2017 Provincial Music and Arts Festival for their excellent performances. It was amazing to see that 29 out of 30 member festivals and their communities were represented. Further congratulations are extended to the recipients of the awards listed below. AMAF thanks its generous financial supporters and scholarship donors. A special thank you is extended to all volunteers. Without the support of sponsors, donors and volunteers, this event would not be possible.

Preliminary, Junior, Intermediate, Advanced and Senior Classes

Preliminary Vocal

1st Place: Stephanie Bell (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival

Bruch-Wiens Scholarship

2nd Place: Kennedy Carvill (Pilot Mound, MB) – Rock Lake Festival of the Arts

Meridian Arts Festival Scholarship

3rd Place: Declan Smith (Neepawa, MB) – Neepawa & District Fine Arts Festival

Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals Scholarship

Junior Vocal

1st Place: Annie Johnston (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival

Brandon Festival of the Arts Scholarship

2nd Place: Lukas Sawatsky (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival

Rolling River Festival of the Arts Scholarship

3rd Place: Camryn Dewar (Stony Mountain, MB) – Rockwood Festival of the Arts

Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals Scholarship

Intermediate Vocal

1st Place: Julia Davis (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival

Ernest Jones Scholarship 'In honor of Mary Ann Taylor'

2nd Place: Anton Sokalski (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival

Mercier Family Scholarship

Advanced Vocal

1st Place: Sven Buller (Steinbach, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival

Shirley Penner Scholarship

2nd Place: Hailey Witt (Brandon, MB) – Brandon Festival of the Arts

Shirley Penner Scholarship

Senior Vocal

1st Place: Katherine Mayba (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival

Manitoba Registered Music Teachers' Association Scholarship

2nd Place: Joanne Kilfoyle (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival

Prairie Sounds Festival Scholarship

Preliminary Piano

1st Place: Marie Janke (Steinbach, MB) – Southeastern Manitoba Festival

Claire DuBois Scholarship

2nd Place: Victoria Lee (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival

Morden Festival of the Arts Scholarship

3rd Place: Yangyuce (Andy) Chen (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival

Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals Scholarship



KENNEDY CARVILL



SVEN BULLER



JOANNE KILFOYLE

Junior Piano

1st Place: Kendra Palles (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival

Carberry Music and Arts Festival Scholarship

2nd Place: Malena Neufeld (Steinbach, MB) – Southeastern Manitoba Festival

North Western Marquette Festival Scholarship

3rd Place: Alan Liu (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival

Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals Scholarship

Junior J.S. Bach: Marcel Alles (Winkler, MB) – Winkler Festival of the Arts

Jean & Lorne Chapple Scholarship

Intermediate Piano

1st Place: Lucas Janke (Steinbach, MB) – Southeastern Manitoba Festival

Meridian Arts Festival Scholarship

2nd Place: Michelle Schneider (Mitchell, MB) – Southeastern Manitoba Festival

Winnipeg Music Festival Scholarship

3rd Place: Bowen Cai (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival

Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals Scholarship

Intermediate J.S. Bach: Matthew Pahl (Morden, MB) – Morden Festival of the Arts

Jean & Lorne Chapple Scholarship

Advanced Piano

1st Place: Wilhelm Neufeld (Kola, MB) – Virden Music & Arts Festival

Lions Club of Winnipeg Scholarship

2nd Place: Angela Suet Kee Ng (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival

Prairie Sounds Festival Scholarship

3rd Place: Kate Gray (Regina, SK) – Brandon Festival of the Arts

Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals Scholarship

Advanced J.S. Bach: Gareth Rice (Portage la Prairie, MB) – Prairie Sounds Festival

Jean & Lorne Chapple Memorial Scholarship

Senior Piano

1st Place: Nagisa Matsuda (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival

James McFee Memorial Scholarship

2nd Place: Ezekiel Thiessen (Dugald, MB) – Southeastern Manitoba Festival

Manitoba Registered Music Teachers' Association Scholarship

Senior J.S. Bach: Yanik Fillion Murphy (Brandon, MB) – Brandon Festival of the Arts

Jean & Lorne Chapple Memorial Scholarship

Preliminary Strings

1st Place: Chloé Strain (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival

Lions Club of Winnipeg Scholarship

2nd Place: Beth Giesbrecht (Morden, MB) – Morden Festival of the Arts

Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals Scholarship

Junior Strings

1st Place: Bella-Sophia Rogers (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival

Gordon Braybrook Memorial Scholarship

2nd Place: Joel Alles (Winkler, MB) – Morden Festival of the Arts

Vi Streuber Memorial Scholarship

Intermediate Strings

1st Place: River Sawchyn (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival

Mercier Family Scholarship

2nd Place: Sam Bergen (Winkler, MB) – Morden Festival of the Arts

Vi Streuber Memorial Scholarship

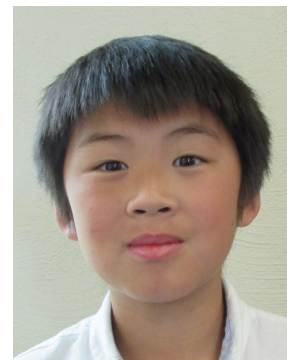
Advanced Strings

1st Place: Samuel Nadurak (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival

Tiger Hills Festival of the Arts Scholarship

2nd Place: Micah Loewen (Winkler, MB) – Morden Festival of the Arts

Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals Scholarship



ALAN LIU



EZEKIEL THIESSEN



JOEL ALLES

Preliminary Classical Guitar

1st Place: Nathan Kaethler (Marchand, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival
Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals Scholarship

Junior Classical Guitar

1st Place: Sarah Peterson (Steinbach, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival
Winnipeg Music Festival Scholarship
2nd Place: Simon Hunt (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival
Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals Scholarship

Intermediate Classical Guitar

1st Place: Alyssa Cohen (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival
Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals Scholarship
2nd Place: Scott Jolicoeur (Fort Frances, ON)
- Rainy River District Festival of the Performing
Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals Scholarship

Advanced Classical Guitar

1st Place: Ben Lamont (Brandon, MB) – Brandon Festival of the Arts
Lions Club of Winnipeg Scholarship
2nd Place: Thomas Manuel (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival
Winnipeg Music Festival Scholarship

Senior Classical Guitar

1st Place: James Graham (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival
Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals Scholarship

Intermediate Woodwinds

1st Place: Selwyn Neil E Sarmiento (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival
Catherine M. Wood Scholarship
2nd Place: Steve Onyshko (Brandon, MB) – Brandon Festival of the Arts
Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals Scholarship

Advanced Woodwinds

1st Place: Morgan Sawchyn (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival
Manitoba Band Association Scholarship
2nd Place: Rose Sanders (Manitou, MB) – Pembina Valley Music Festival
Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals Scholarship

Senior Woodwinds

1st Place: Nicole Carbotte (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival
Lions Club of Winnipeg Scholarship

Senior Chamber Group

1st Place: Trio Rustico (Danielle Guina, Charlie Wielgoz & Josias Sanchez)
(Brandon, MB) – Brandon Festival of the Arts
Morna-June Morrow Scholarship

Preliminary Canadian Composers

1st Place: Stephanie Bell (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival
Ernest Jones Scholarship
2nd Place: Maria Bergen (Winkler, MB) – Morden Festival of the Arts
Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals Scholarship
3rd Place: Shelby Wytinck (Cypress River, MB) – Tiger Hills Festival of the Arts
Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals Scholarship
Preliminary Manitoba Composers Award: Zhanna Voroninskia (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival
S.C. Eckhardt-Gramatté Manitoba Composers Scholarship



SARAH PETERSON



ROSE SANDERS



SHELBY WYTINCK

Junior Canadian Composers

- 1st Place: Camryn Dewar (Stony Mountain, MB) – Rockwood Festival of the Arts
Lions Club of Winnipeg Scholarship
2nd Place: Hailey Anderson (Brandon, MB) – Brandon Festival of the Arts
Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals Scholarship
3rd Place: Katelyn Bruyere (Fort Frances, ON) – Rainy River District Festival of the Performing Arts
Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals Scholarship
Junior Manitoba Composers Award: Corinna Vermeer (Haywood, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival
S.C. Eckhardt-Gramatté Manitoba Composers Scholarship

Intermediate Canadian Composers

- 1st Place: Lily Klassen (Winnipeg, MB) – Southeastern Manitoba Festival
Rolling River Festival of the Arts Scholarship
2nd Place: Mairin Douglas (Oak Bluff, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival
Hurton Family Scholarship and S.C. Eckhardt-Gramatté Manitoba Composers Scholarship
3rd Place: Michael Favel (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival
Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals Scholarship

Advanced Canadian Composers

- 1st Place: Sarah Luby (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival
Lions Club of Winnipeg Scholarship
2nd Place: Jessica Goethals (Deloraine, MB) – Deloraine Border Festival
Dr. Lorne Watson Memorial Scholarship

Senior Canadian Composers

- 1st Place: Anneli Leopp Thiessen (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival
Dr. Lorne Watson Scholarship
2nd Place: Emily Diehl-Reader (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival
Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals Scholarship

Preliminary Musical Theatre

- 1st Place: Stephanie Bell (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival
Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals Scholarship
2nd Place: Molly Helmer (St. Pierre-Jolys, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival
Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals Scholarship
3rd Place: Myah Klassen (La Broquerie West, MB) – Southeastern Manitoba Festival
Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals Scholarship

Junior Musical Theatre

- 1st Place: Ben McIntyre-Ridd (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival
Lions Club of Winnipeg Scholarship
2nd Place: Brianna Eldridge (Fort Frances, ON) – Rainy River District Festival of the Performing Arts
Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals Scholarship
3rd Place (tied): Kyle Briscoe (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival
3rd Place (tied): Camryn Dewar (Stony Mountain, MB) – Rockwood Festival of the Arts
Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals Scholarships

Intermediate Musical Theatre

- 1st Place: Julia Davis (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival
Rockwood Festival of the Arts Scholarship
2nd Place: Rose Sanders (Manitou, MB) – Pembina Valley Music Festival
Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals Scholarship
3rd Place: Anton Sokalski (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival
Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals Scholarship

Advanced Musical Theatre

- 1st Place: Sarah Luby (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival
Deloraine Border Festival Scholarship
2nd Place: Hailey Witt (Brandon, MB) – Brandon Festival of the Arts
Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals Scholarship



ANNELI LOEPP THIESSEN



CAMRYN DEWAR

Junior Gilbert & Sullivan

1st Place: Jenesa Lee (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival
Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals Scholarship

Intermediate Gilbert & Sullivan

1st Place: Piper McKinnon (Winnipeg, MB) – Brandon Festival of the Arts
Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals Scholarship
2nd Place: Max Neustaedter (Steinbach, MB) – Southeastern Manitoba Festival
Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals Scholarship

Advanced Gilbert & Sullivan

1st Place: Sarah Luby (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival
Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals Scholarship
2nd Place: Brenley Palmer (Brandon, MB) – Brandon Festival of the Arts
Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals Scholarship

Preliminary W.A. Mozart

1st Place: Alice Lee (Brandon, MB) – Brandon Festival of the Arts
Raleigh Family Scholarship
2nd Place: Emily Myers (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival
Raleigh Family Scholarship

Junior W.A. Mozart

1st Place: Andrew Lin (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival
Raleigh Family Scholarship
2nd Place: Rachel Lee (Brandon, MB) – Brandon Festival of the Arts
Raleigh Family Scholarship

Intermediate W.A. Mozart

1st Place: Rose Sanders (Manitou, MB) – Pembina Valley Music Festival
Raleigh Family Scholarship
2nd Place: Kevin Liu (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival
Raleigh Family Scholarship

Advanced W.A. Mozart

1st Place: Sven Buller (Steinbach, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival
Raleigh Family Scholarship
2nd Place: Sarah Ens (Kola, MB) – Virden Music & Arts Festival
Raleigh Family Scholarship

Senior W.A. Mozart

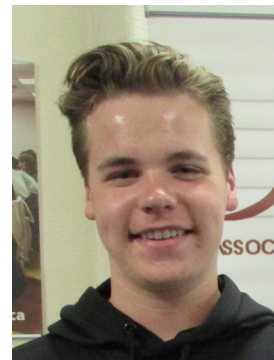
1st Place: Alyssa English (Brandon, MB) – Brandon Festival of the Arts
Raleigh Family Scholarship
2nd Place: Sarah Pu (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival
Raleigh Family Scholarship

Poetry and Prose Grades 4-6

1st Place: Jessica Ramachandran (Portage la Prairie, MB) – Prairie Sounds Festival
Lions Club of Winnipeg Scholarship
2nd Place: Danika Robb (Brandon, MB) – Brandon Festival of the Arts
North Western Marquette Festival Scholarship
3rd Place: Teagan Harkness (Virden, MB) – Virden Music and Arts Festival
Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals Scholarship

Poetry and Prose Grades 7-9

1st Place: Emma Miskulin (Rivers, MB) – Rolling River Festival of the Arts
Thorleifson Family Scholarship
2nd Place: Maya Davis (Fort Frances, ON) – Rainy River District Festival of the Performing Arts
Hurton Family Scholarship
3rd Place: Morgan Beckett (Fort Frances, ON) – Rainy River District Festival of the Performing Arts
Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals Scholarship

**MAX NEUSTAEDTER****JESSICA RAMACHANDRAN****ALYSSA ENGLISH****MAYA DAVIS**

Poetry and Prose Grades 10-12

1st Place: Aidan Trembath (Brandon, MB) – Brandon Festival of the Arts

Colin Mailer Memorial Scholarship

2nd Place: Ayla Hamilton (Russell, MB) – North Western Marquette Festival

Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals Scholarship

Public Speaking Grades 4-6

1st Place: Jessica Ramachandran (Portage la Prairie, MB) – Prairie Sounds Festival

Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals Scholarship

2nd Place: Evan Fulton (Birtle, MB) – Birdtail River Fine Arts Festival

Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals Scholarship

Public Speaking Grades 7-9

1st Place: Emma Miskulin (Rivers, MB) – Rolling River Festival of the Arts

Lions Club of Winnipeg Scholarship

2nd Place: Morgan Beckett (Fort Frances, ON)

– Rainy River District Festival of the Performing Arts

Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals Scholarship



AIDAN TREMBATH

National Solo Classes

Vocal

Recommended: Rebecca McIntosh (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival

Alternate: Katherine Mayba (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival

Piano

Recommended: Keiran Placatka (Brandon, MB) – Brandon Festival of the Arts

Alternate: Brenden Janzen (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival

Strings

Recommended: Gregory Lewis (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival

Alternate: David Liam Roberts (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival

Classical Guitar

Recommended: Nolan Powell (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival

Alternate: James Graham (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival

Woodwinds

Recommended: Jennifer Arcand (Selkirk, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival

Brass

Recommended: Kayla Solomon (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival

National Chamber Group Class

Chamber Group Recommended: Chroma Quartet (Hannah Humphries, Gregory Lewis, David Liam Roberts & John Sellick)
– Winnipeg Music Festival

Alternate: Trio Rustico (Danielle Guina, Charlie Wielgoz & Josias Sanchez) – Brandon Festival of the Arts

National Choral Classes

Choral Class 101 – City of Lincoln

Recommended: Winnipeg Boys' Choir – Winnipeg Music Festival

Choral Class 102 – George S. Mathieson

Recommended: St. James-Assiniboia Divisional Senior Concert Choir – Winnipeg Music Festival

Choral Class 103 – Paul J. Bourret

Recommended: Collège Sturgeon Heights Collegiate - In the Heights – Winnipeg Music Festival

Choral Class 105 – Dr. & Mrs. J.F.K. English

Recommended: Pembina Trails Voices - Chorale – Winnipeg Music Festival

Alternate: St. James-Assiniboia Divisional Junior Concert Choir – Winnipeg Music Festival

Choral Class 107 – Margaret Wharton Memorial

Recommended: St. James-Assiniboia Divisional Children's Concert Choir – Winnipeg Music Festival



Hi, my name is Jessica Goethals. I'm from Deloraine, MB and I've been participating in the Provincial Festival for the past 6 years. I've competed in public speaking, poetry & prose and piano. I've been playing the piano for 14 years as I started playing when I was 3 years old. Getting this scholarship means the world to me. Over the years I've put countless hours into the piano, and this is my first time winning at the provincial level. I can't put into words how excited I am, my mom and I got teary eyed after I got the award. Thanks for this scholarship donor for making my dreams a reality! I really appreciate it!

Jessica Goethals

(Advanced Canadian Composers - Dr. Lorne Watson Memorial Scholarship)



Dear Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals,

Thank you for giving me this scholarship. I think it is a great opportunity for me. I enjoy performing and sharing my music. I love to compose music and the song that you have seen is personal to me.

Again, thank you for this opportunity. I have lots more ideas and I hope to do this again next year.

Sincerely,

Mira Davey

Mira Davey

(Manitoba Composition Competition winner)

Dear people from the S.C. Eckhardt-Gramatté
Manitoba Composers Scholarship,

Thank you for supporting the AMAF
Junior Canadian Composers Class. ~~was~~
I truly appreciate the opportunity
to perform the Folklorama Hora again.
It was written by my violin teacher,
John Racaru. It's full of little tricks and
it's really fun to play.



Corinna Vermeer

(Junior S.C. Eckhardt-Gramatté Scholarship)

Thank-you for the Scholarship and your help. I had a great time at the competition. My name is Evan and I am 10. I live in Birtle, MB, about a 4 hour drive west of CMU. Thank-you for hosting the provincial event.



From, **Evan Fulton**

(2nd place Public Speaking Grades 4-6)

Hello there,

This is my first year at provincials and it is my first year doing a Gilbert & Sullivan piece. I am so grateful to have gotten the Junior G&S Scholarship. I have been participating in the Winnipeg Music Festival since I was 8 years old and I never thought about even making it to the provincial festival, but here I am. Once again I thank you so much for this opportunity. Now I can put this scholarship money towards a music school in my future. Thank you,

Jenesa Lee (1st Place, Junior Gilbert & Sullivan)

Thank you very much for your generous support of the Manitoba Arts Festival. I look forward to participating again, and will put this scholarship towards my future studies. Thank you again,

Brenley Palmer (2nd Place, Advanced Gilbert & Sullivan)



NOLAN POWELL
NATIONAL CLASSICAL GUITAR



JENNIFER ARCAND
NATIONAL WOODWINDS



KEIRAN PLACATKA
NATIONAL PIANO

Manitoba Composition Competition

Six compositions were entered in the competition, with results announced during the Composition workshop held during the 2017 Provincial Music and Arts Festival in Winnipeg:

Award Winner: Mira Davey (Winnipeg, MB)

Award Winner: Talia Leitao (Winnipeg, MB)

Honorable Mention: Lauren Chabot (Cartier, MB)

Honorable Mention: Reyna Reyes (Winnipeg, MB)

Dear Associated Manitoba Arts Festival,

I started playing the piano when I was 3, and have now been playing for 9 years. I especially enjoy lyrical pieces, so I loved playing Gentle Breeze in the provincial festival this year. It was an honour to receive the second place scholarship in the Junior Canadian class. Thank you very much for donating it, as well as everything else you contribute to the festival.

Dear Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals,

Thank you for giving me a scholarship. I really love playing piano and making up my own songs. I am really happy that you liked my songs. I am really happy that you liked my song and that I got second place.

Talia Leitao (Composition Competition)

Team Manitoba at the 2017 National Music Festival

With assistance from Manitoba Arts Council, AMAF was thrilled to send a an exceptional team to the 2017 National Music Festival held August 10-12, 2017 in Ottawa, ON.

Team Manitoba was represented by the following individuals and group:

Vocal - Rebecca McIntosh (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival

Piano - Keiran Placatka (Brandon, MB) – Brandon Festival of the Arts

Strings - Gregory Lewis (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival

Classical Guitar - Nolan Powell (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival

Woodwinds - Jennifer Arcand (Selkirk, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival

Brass - Kayla Solomon (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg Music Festival

Chamber Group - Chroma Quartet

(Hannah Humphries, Gregory Lewis, David Liam Roberts & John Sellick) – Winnipeg Music Festival

These young performers are some of the Manitoba festival movement's most outstanding musicians; young emerging artists performing at near-professional calibre. Each participant first qualified from a local festival to AMAF's Provincial Music and Arts Festival where, upon winning his or her National level class, was selected to Team Manitoba. Each participant on Team Manitoba then competed against other outstanding classical musicians from across the country at the National Music Festival.

Manitoba was also represented by the following choirs, all from the Winnipeg Music Festival (via audio recordings):

Choral Class 101 – City of Lincoln - Winnipeg Boys' Choir – Winnipeg Music Festival

Choral Class 102 – George S. Mathieson - St. James-Assiniboia Divisional Senior Concert Choir

Choral Class 103 – Paul J. Bourret - Collège Sturgeon Heights Collegiate - In the Heights

Choral Class 105 – Dr. & Mrs. J.F.K. English - Pembina Trails Voices - Chorale

Choral Class 107 – Margaret Wharton Memorial - St. James-Assiniboia Divisional Children's Concert Choir

AMAF extends congratulations to all of Team Manitoba! These talented, hardworking competitors performed beautifully and represented the province exceptionally well.

We are pleased to report the following achievements for Manitoba at the 2017 National Music Festival:

1st place National Strings - Gregory Lewis

1st place National Classical Guitar - Nolan Powell

1st place National Brass - Kayla Solomon

2nd place National Choral Class 101 – City of Lincoln - Winnipeg Boys' Choir

2nd place National Choral Class 102 – George S. Mathieson - St. James-Assiniboia Divisional Senior Concert Choir

2nd place National Choral Class 103 – Paul J. Bourret - Collège Sturgeon Heights Collegiate - In the Heights

Full results from the 2017 National Music Festival can be viewed at www.fcmf.org.

Federation of Canadian Music Festivals Mission Statement

"We envision a world that appreciates music.

We provide a step in the journey towards excellence in music performance with educational opportunities for students and teachers.

We strive to develop well-rounded individuals with positive life and performance skills who will give their gifts back to the community, ensuring that the arts will flourish."

IN MEMORY OF FRANCES LEONE BAIRD from the Swan Valley Funeral Services Book of Memories

In loving memory of Frances Baird, born February 18, 1922 in Swan River MB, who passed away on January 9th, 2017 at the age of 94 years.

Frances Leone Provins, flower, as she was called as a child, was the daughter of George and Eppie Provins. Although both from Ontario, George and Eppie met in Biggar, Saskatchewan. Eppie had come to teach school and George had come to homestead. The couple were married and after trying to farm back in Ontario they decided to head back west to the Swan River Valley where Eppie's sister Jennie and husband Fred Frasier had settled. George and Eppie lived along the banks of the Roaring River south of town where they farmed and raised their three children, Phyllis, John and Frances.

Frances and Phyllis both attended normal school and started their teaching careers in the area. Frances began teaching in the Square Plains school, about 4 miles from the family home. On good weather days she would ride her bike cross country from home to school. With coaxing from two of their Ontario cousins and promises of adventure, the sisters decided to head east to teach for two years. Francie taught in Smithfield ON and had many fond memories of time spent with relatives in the nearby Port Hope/ Cobourg area.

Upon returning to Swan River a blind date introduced her to Edward Baird a CNR railroad worker from Dauphin based out of Swan River. On July 18th of 1946 Francie and Ed were married at the Provins farm. The newlyweds lived in a couple locations in town until 1954 when they built and then moved into their long-time home at River Park Drive on the banks of the Swan River. As most young wives did, Francie left the teaching profession and dedicated herself to home and community.

In 1956 Frances and Ed adopted their eldest son Doug and to their surprise two of their own children followed; Maureen was born in 1960 and Byron in 1961. Eddie Baird was often away from home working so Francie ran the home front. As anyone who knows her will attest, this is how she liked it and this is how it was going to be. Francie always committed herself to the involvements of her children and was supported in the early years of her married life by her mom and dad who had moved into town, just down the street, and by her sister Phyllis married to Ernie Pierrepont. Phyllis and Ernie farmed west of Bowsman and along with their children Connie and Jenny were an important part of the lives of Francie and Ed.

The Provins sisters, throughout their lives, remained close friends and a strong support for one another. Phyllis and Francie always maintained a large garden. Planting potatoes, picking raspberries and putting together horticulture submissions for the Rodeo were almost as important as getting ready for Christmas. Francie had many interests but they were always vested in her highest priorities; church, community and family. As an ardent supporter of all things community she gave herself wholeheartedly to each endeavor both as a member and a leader. To her dying day Frances was dedicated to the St. Andrews United Church, the choir and her church family. She was a Sunday School teacher, choir member, choir leader and a member of the Church board. Two other life- time memberships for Francie included the Swan Valley Fine Arts Festival and the Ag Society. She was affiliated with many other organizations over the years both as a member and very often president. These included the band booster committee, the figure skating club, the urban forest committee, and the senior's community choir.

In 1979, Frances was asked to be the legal guardian of the Jack and Dawn Walker children, Leah (Carol), Laura, Hugh and Charles. This huge responsibility, felt by both Frances and Ed, was to be a lifetime commitment and one which has tied the Baird and Walker families together through many rewarding and difficult times. As the years progressed and with Ed's retirement from the CNR, Francie and Eddie took on some new challenges. The rural mail route and later selling memorials for Guinn Bros. of Neepawa became good diversions and created a whole new circle of friends and acquaintances.

Francie always did her best to support both the efforts of her children and grandchildren. She had a card and gift for every occasion and tried her hardest to get to graduations, concerts and sporting events. The grandchildren were especially lucky to have grandma for happy times at the lake, rodeo parades and grandstand, get togethers over a meal or for the local relatives, fun times at the triangle picnic and school events. It was with great sadness that Francie lost the love of her life and the biggest counterbalance to her personality when Ed passed in February of 1995.

Francie was always blessed with great health, a never ending lust for life and a drive to serve her community. Almost 95 and as she whispered on one of her last days, "Ed will be waiting with big strong arms." Who could ask for anything more! She will be dearly missed by all.

Frances is survived by son Douglas of Swan River and his sons Danny and Wade, daughter Maureen (Bill Bambridge) of Melita and their children Hanna, Liam and Elisha, son Byron (Dawn) of Estevan and their children Noah, Luke and Natasha. Also left to mourn are the Walker family Carol-Leah Walker of Toronto, Laura Walker (John) of Toronto, Charles (Jaimie) of Swan River and their children Aiden, Ava and Nate and the late Hugh Walker.

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